

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/541,269 Confirmation No.: 6291
Applicant: LENDLEIN, Andreas, *et al.*
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Examiner: CHEA, Thorl
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2009 and a request for a 5 month extension, Applicants make the following election and request examination of the application.

REMARKS

1. Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1 – 11 and 21) drawn to a composition and the use thereof. This election reads at least on Claims 1 – 11 and 21). The election is with Traverse.

The Examiner has failed to meet the standard for a restriction of claims as stated in 35 U.S.C. 121 “If two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application, the Director may require the application to be restricted to one of the inventions.” Therefore, the claims must be both “independent” and “distinct”. The Examiner is requested to withdraw the restriction requirement and examine all claims on their merit.

If the Restriction Requirement is not withdrawn, examination on the merits regarding the claims directed to the elected group is requested. Applicants expressly reserve the right to rejoiner of the withdrawn claims once the elected claims are found allowable. Additionally, applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue other claims in a future continuation or divisional application(s) as appropriate.